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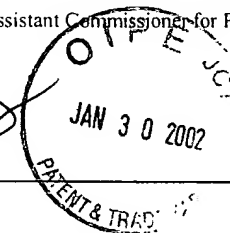
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In the application of:

Gary VAN NEST et al.

Serial No.: 09/642,492

Filing Date: August 18, 2000

For: METHODS OF MODULATING AN
IMMUNE RESPONSE USING
IMMUNOSTIMULATORY
SEQUENCES AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR USE THEREIN

Examiner: S. Foley

Group Art Unit: 1648

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2001 in connection to the above-identified application. A petition for a three month extension of time is attached, making this response due on or before January 30, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

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